

REMARKS

The above amendment is responsive to points set forth in the Official Action.

The claims are 1-4, 6, 8-14, 16 and 18-20.

Amended claim 1 incorporates the features of previous claims 1, 5 and 7.

Amended claim 11 incorporates the features of previous claims 11, 15 and 17.

The significance of this amendment will become further apparent from the remarks below.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 7 and 17.

In view of the fact that amended claims 1 and 11 incorporate these allowable claims, it is apparent that all of claims in this application are now in condition for allowance.

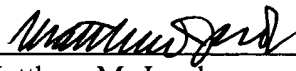
Accordingly, the previous rejection of claims 1-6, 8-16 and 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al. (JP 09-309265) is untenable and should be withdrawn.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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